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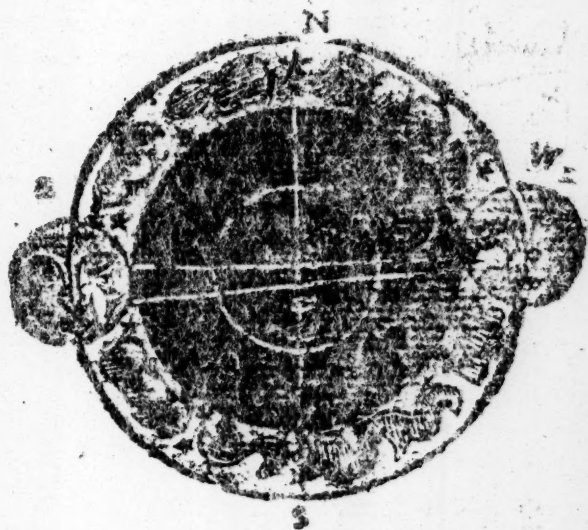
PROGNOSTICA TION FOR THE YEAR OF OUR BLESSED LORD 1679.

Being the thrid after Leap-year.

Containing the moveable Feasts; the Eclipses; the four Quarters
of the year; the Changes of the Moon; with the disposition of
the weather. The dismal dayes. And the whole known Fairs
of Scotland. With other observations.

Serving most fitly for the most part of the Kingdom of Scotland, but
more especially for our City of GLASGOW, where
the Pole is elevated 55. deg. 55. min.

At Aberdeen, by an expert Mathematician.



GLASGOW, By Robert Sanders: Printer to the City and
University, and are to be sold in his shop 1679.

Computation of time, even to this Year 1679.

	The Creation of the World	-	-	5624
	The general Deluge	-	-	3971
	Fergus the first King of Scotland	-	-	2008
	The building of Solomons Temple	-	-	2000
	Rome was built by Romulus	-	-	2431
	The Scots entered Albion	-	-	2007
	The building of Edinburgh Castle	-	-	2009
	The last destruction of Jerusalem by Vespasian	-	-	1610
	The Christian Faith was received in Scotland	-	-	2469
	The building of the high Church of Glasgow	-	-	481
Since	The first invention of Guns	-	-	199
	The inventio of Printing in Europe, before in China	-	-	139
	The Colledge of Glasgow was built	-	-	114
	The appearing of the new star in Cassiopeia	-	-	106
	The Gun-powder Treason, November 5.	-	-	74
	The birth of King CHARLES the second	-	-	49
	The Duke Hamiltons engagement	-	-	31
	The great fire in Glasgow	-	-	17
	The last great Plague in London	-	-	13
	The great fire in London	-	-	12
	The fall of an arch of the bridge of Glasgow,	-	-	8
	The last great fire in Glasgow Nov. 1. 1677.	-	-	1

Common Notes and moveable Feasts this year 1679.

P	Prime, or Golden Number	8
D	Domical Letter	E
E	The Epact	28
F	Fastens-even, which in England is called Shrove-tuesd.	March. 4
A	Ash Wednesday on the Morn.	
P	Pasch, or Easter	April 20
W	Whitsunday	Jun. 8

*Then Candlemas and Fastens-even, are 29. days
metyfve.*

1. *The Eclipses of this year, 1679.*

1. of the Sun, and two of the Moon;

THe first Eclipse of the Moon, the 13. day April, 3. digits
50. min. at 9. hours 42. min. after noon, the middle of
the Eclipse 29. min. after nine.

The Eclipse of Sun, the 24. Sept. at 7. hours and 3. min. in the
after noon.

The second Eclipse of the Moon, the 9. of October 13. minutes
before 12. in the day.

A full Description of the four Quarters of the year 1679.

THe Spring begins by the Suns entrie in Aries 20. March
at 9. hours morning.

Summer begins by the Suns entrie in Cancer 11. June, 22.
minutes after 9. in the morning.

Harvest by his entrie in Libra. 12. September, 31. Minutes
before 10. in the morning.

Winter by his entring Capricorn 17. December, about 4.19
the after noon.

The changes of the Moon, with the disposition of the Weather, for this year 1679.

Xxxi. January begins on Wednesday,

Sun riseth 18. after 8. sets 22. min. past 3.

New moon 2. day 1. minute past 12. at noon.

First quarter 9. day, 4. minutes after 3. in the morning.

Full moon 16. day, 44. minutes past 5. afternoon.

Last quarter 24. day 38. minutes after 9. at night.

New Moon 31. day, 22. min after 9. at Night.

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St. Michaels Bear begins with frost the first 10. dayes
to the 16. some winds, with snow: thence to
the 16. weather for the season from the 20. to 22. 23. 24.
frost: thence to the 28. deep, and to the end of the
month frost.

This month set all kind of fruit trees, and quicksets. In the
new of the Moon (the wind and weather observed) you may set
pease and beans, parsnips, and oars; if the weather prove mild, and
the Moon decreasing.

If thou be sick, and help wouldst have,

The counsel of the Learned crave.

*The first Fair in the year is St. Navehlans, at the Kirk of Ber-
thelay, in Garry, upon the 7. day. St. Mungo in Glasgow the
23. day a fair: and at Dunkeld and Kiltwinning the 21. day.*

Exilis. February begins on Saturday.

Sun riseth 22. min. after 7. sets 38. min. after 4.

First quarter 7. day, 10. minutes past 1. in the afternoon.

Full moon 15. day, 12. minutes past 12. at noon.

Second quarter 23. day, 10. minutes past 2. after noon.

The 1. 2. 3. and 4. dayes fair with some frost cold,
from thence to the 10. very good weather for Ducks
and geese: from the 10. to the 16. small rains: the 16.
17. and 18. frost: the 20. 21. hard winds: the rest of the
month temperate.

This month set roses, with all other kind of plants, cut quick-
sets, sow pease and onions: as in the month before, the weather
considered, you may now garden for sallet herbs, and such like.

Be choice of food in any wise,

To keep thee warm also practise:

*The first day at Abernethy and Forres in Murrayland, call-
ed St. Brides day. On Candlemas day in Banff, Dunkeld
Dingwall, Dinglas, the 1. day. Valentines day in Linlithgow
the 14. day, and Forfar the 13. holding eight days. Ashwed-
nesday fair begins in Balcroona, at Linlithgow the same day:
Fallyfield the 24. day.*

¶xxj. March begins on Saturday.

Sun riseth 18. min. after 6. sets 42. min. after 5.

New moon 2. day, 16. min. past 8. in the morning.

First quarter 9. day, 30. min. after 3. in the morning.

Full moon 17. day, 52. min. after 3. in the morning.

Second quarter 25. day, 2. min. before 3. in the morning.

New Moon 31. day 48. min. after 6. in the after noon.

This moneth begins stormy the first five dayes, the 6, 7, and 8. small raines: thence to the 12. cold showres the 13, 14. raw frost: and to the 19. high winds: thence to the 25. kindly weather, to the 28. flying showres, the the rest pleasant.

This moneth in the new of the Moon, graft, set quicksets and vines, cut your hedges and vines already growing: as also you may sow onions, beans and oats, and all manner of garden seed.

Now bleed and bathe, if thou desire,

And purge also, if need require.

S. Monence in Aberdene; Dunfermling, Abercherder and S. Marnoch Kirk the first day, at Pottenween the 3. S. Duthos in Tane of Ross the 9 in Auchertuel and Innerne: the 10. S. Causnan the 12. day; S. Patrick in Dumbarton, and at the Kirk of Strageeth and at Kirkadie a fair of horse, neat & sheep, &c. the 16. day; in S. Johnston the 19. Cuthbert in Langton of the Mers the 20 day: Lady-day in Westweems, Bamff, Authtermucht the 25. Midlentron fair at Banckrie, on thursday before Midlentron sunday; Palm sunday at the Kirk of Forrig, and in S. Johnston; and Skierthursday fair is upon thursday before Good-friday at Cowper of Angus, others wise Monks Cowper a fair in Forres, called S. Marks fair, the first tuesday after Easter yearly.

¶xx. April begins on Tuesday.

Sun riseth 12. min. after 5. sets 48. min. after 6.

First quarter 7. day, 42. min. after 6. in the evening.

Full moon 15. day, 38. min. past 9. at Night.

Last quarter 23. day, 40. min. past 11. in the forenoon.

New Moon 29. day, 8. min. past 7. at night.

moneth begins with sharp cold weather, from
to the 6. moze temperate: the 7. to 13. strong hard
: thence to the 19. calm and clear: from the 20.
the 26. dry and windy, with some rain towards the
close of the moneth.

In this moneth pole your hops, sow barley and artichoaks, bark
trees for Tanners, sow hemp and flax, set citrons, melons, and
cucumbers, and furnish and replenish your gardens with Summer
herbs.

Now wholefom baths thou mayst frequent,
Let blood also, and not repent:

*S. Oles fair at the Kirk of Cruden the first tuesday at Leslie
on tuesday before Easter; in Corstorphine the first tuesday after
Easter is fair. S. Donald fair at the Kirk of Auchterless the
17. in Old Aberdene on Skirethursday. S. Mark Evangelist
in Dyfert the 23. Beltan day the first the 26. a fair at Rugland
the 28. continuing four days: at Leven the 29. day, and in
Kilreni the 30. day, at Borrowstonness the first Tuesday after
Pasch.*

Whiles in March, and whiles in April.

*Skirethursday before Pasch in Old-Aberdene, Glasgow,
Dumbartan, Cowper of Angus, Elgin of Murray. Pasche
munday in Cowper of Fife, Lanerk and Irwing. Low-sunday
after Pasch in Killimure, and all the week after at the Senzie
of S. Andrews.*

¶ xxi. May begins on Thursday.

Sun riseth 42. min. before 5. sets 42. min. after 7.

First quarter 7. day, 46. min. past 10. before noon.

Full Moon 15. day. 52. minuts before 1. afternoon.

Last quarter 23. day, 43. minuts before the morning.

New moon 29. day, 19. minuts past 11. before noon.

Seasonable weather to the 6. 9. day, 12. 13. sometimes
rain: thence to the 16, 17. reasonable weather: thence

to the 22, 23, great winds, the end of this moneth fair summer weather.

In the beginning of this moneth you may sow the seed of summer herbs, which could not endure the cold of the fore-passed moneths. You may sow your hemp and flax, weed your hop-gardens, and take away superfluous branches, and moss your gardens.

Rise early now this month of May,

And walk the fields that be so gay:

The first day, called S. Philip a fair in the Grange within the Sberiffdom of Linlithgow. Also a fair at New Church of Kilpatrick free of custome for seven years. Holy Cross day the second Beltan in Monrofs, Kinrocher: Rude fair in Ellen, & in Peebles the 3. at Ranfrew of horse, neat, sheep, custom free for 3. years a fair of horse neat and sheep and other merchand ware at the Clachen in nether Lorn the 2. wensday in may the ninteth day: at Carlouk the tenteh at Bamff, and at Kirkadie a fair of neat and sheep, &c. the 16. day; in Leslie on thursday before Whitsunday: Sterling fair ten days before Whitsunday: in Stonehive upon tuesday before Whitsunday, with a weekly mercat every thursday.

Whiles in May, and whiles in June

Whitsunmunday in Glasgow, Dumbarton, Lanerk and Jedburgh. Whitsuntuesday, called Pardonday, in the Chanrie of Ross, Peterhead, and at the Kirk of Ninians above Kirkadie, and Barrowstownness. Trinity munday in Edinburgh and Brechin eight days; in S. Andrews one day, in Burntland one day. A fair in the Burgh of Linlithgow the first thursday after Whitsunday. Trinity tuesday in Rugland lasting two days & Trinity thursday in Falkland.

¶ *June begins on Sunday.*

Sun. riseth 36. min. before 4 sets 24. min. before 9.

First quarter 6. day, 42. minuts after 3. in the morning.

Full moon 14. day 38. minuts past 3. in the morning.

Second quarter 20. day, 52. minuts past 9. at Night.

New Moon 27. day, 43. minuts past 9. at Night.

Hot and dry to the 8. day: thence to the 10. some summer showers, thence to the 19. very hot dry weather: thence the 22. 25. some thunder and lightnings: and all the rest of the moneth fair and pleasant summer weather.

In this moneth at the full of Moon; gather herbs to keep dry for the whole year. Weed your corn fields and gardens, set rosemary and gilly-flowers: sow lettuce, shear sheep, the Moon increasing.

Drink new or sweet, taste not at all,
For thereby grows no danger small:

A fair in Kinross the first tuesday of June. Bernard fair the second tuesday: in Stramiglio, Aberdour and Ennckeithing the 6. A weekly mercat in Forfar, beginning the 8. of June, of neat, sheep, horse, &c. continuing till the first of October. A fair in Fergondeny the 10. S. Barnabie in Lawder and Dysert, Dowglas, S. Laurence in Grinock the 11. day. S. Margaret in Abernethy: Ceres in Fife the 13. Midsummer on S. Johns day in S. Johnston five dayes, in Air four dayes; in Wigton, Banff, and Athelston the 14. In Scone 3. days with an weeklie market and in Auchterueil and Clackmanan and Bocklyvie in the Parish of Kippen the 15. Saint Margaret in Dumfermling, and at Moffat the 18. day; in which place there is a weekly mercat every friday. Earlsfou the 19. Methil the 22. day. Midsummer day in Hawick in the South, hard by the river of Teviot, for horse, sheep, oxen, and neat, &c. on the 24. day, together with a weekly mercat day alway upon the thursday. Also in Forres, Townyetam on the border the 24. day, of horse, neat and sheep, &c. the 24. with a weekly mercat. In Alathy in Angus, called S. Emagola the 25. S. Peters day at Forfar the 26. holding four dayes. As also in Falkland, Burntiland, Banff, and Kells the 26. Gallashiels the 27. In Peebles the 29. S. Seriff fair the last tuesday of this moneth. S. John Baptist day a fair in Frazerburgh the 24. day. There is also a fair called S. Margarets fair on the third tuesday of this moneth upon the Mains of Keith-hall, sometimes

called Cackiben, continuing the whole week, and to be free for two years.

xxi. July begins on Tuesday.

Sun riseth 27. min. before 4. sets 27. min. after 8.

First quarter 5. day, 45. min. after 8. at Night.

Full moon 13. day, 27. minuts past 10. in the forenoon.

Second quarter 20. day, 56. min. before 1. in the morning.

New moon. 27. day, 15. minuts past 10. in the forenoon.

From the first to the 8. pleasant weather: from thence to the 10 some small showers, the 11, 12. and 13, 14. 22. 23., high winds with rain, the fair and hot weather, the end rain.

In this moneth play your haying, follow your land for wheat pull up hemp that is ripe, get rue and wormwood to drive away fleas and moths: dry flowers in the shade, and then sun them a little for fear of corruption.

Perfume thy house with savors sweet;

But such as are for purpose meet.

Ane yearlie sayre At Edzerstoun in Tiviotdale. and in Culroß the first day, of july. Abernethy and Auchtermuchty the 2. day. S. Martin of Bulzeon 4. day. Peter fair in Peterhead. The first Tuesday in Dundie a new fair. S. Thomas in Langnewton, midway betwixt Jedburgh and Melroß the 5. day; S. Palladius in Forden of the Mern the 6. S. Andrew in Glasgow the 7. S. Lawrence at Grinock the 11. day. Kilwinning the 12. day. S. Margaret in Frendraught, and Aiky fair in Old Deer, both on the 2. tuesday. A fair at Borrowstonness the second wednesday. S. Margaret in Killimure the 13. six days at the Kirk of Ferrig; in Tarves the 3. tuesday; in Moffat and Kirkadie a fair of horse, neat, & sheep the 18. Stirking the 20. Mary Magdalen in Linlithgow, Peterween and Pathhead the 22. in Airth the 24. S. James in Forfar, Cowper of Fife, Lanerk, Roxburgh, Kinghorn, Elgin in Murray, and in Musselburgh the 25. Pollinar fair in Inverary; and Lambmas fair in Turreß, both on the last tuesday.

*Saturday of July a fair in Lesly, and at Whitehorn two
S. Christina in Corstorphin a fair the 24. day.*

Exxj. August begins on Fryday.

Sun riseth 32. min. before 5. sets 32. min. after 7.

First quarter 4. day, 10. min. before 1. after noon.

Full moon 11. day, 48. minuts past 5. after noon.

Second quarter 18. day, 49. min. after 7. in the morning.

New moon 26. day, 56. minuts before 1. in the morning.

The first 7. dayes fair: thence to the 10. some very great rain with storm winds: thence to the 13. 18. seasonable: thence to the 20. 23. cloudy, the end good Harvest whither.

Reap wheat and rye, cut down your oats, gather garden seeds, sow leetice and other winter herbs in the new of the Moon: Use moderate dyet, forbear to sleep presently after meat, take heed of sudden cold after great heat.

Lambmas day in Atturf three days long and in Melrois, Ennerkiething, S. Andrews, and in Dumbarton the first day. Lawrence fair in Rane the first tuesday, the 2. tuesday at Jedburgh, thursday after in Falkland. Martinmas fair the 3. tuesday. S. Lawrence in Selkirk, Auchtermuchty, Forres and Carnoustie the 10. In Rane two days before Kilmahug, and at the burn of Campsie. Lady day in Dundie, Bamff, Merns and Vallyfield: Martinmas in Innerneis, and Mary day the first at Monymusk the 15. at Rugland the 20. lasting four day. and In Scone on the twentieth two lasting three days S. Bartholomew Apostle in Linlithgow, Kinkarn of Neil, Clackmannan and Peebles the 24. S. Zepherinus in Corstorphin the 26. day a fair. Semarevis day in Forres and Keith the 27. day. S. Johns day in S. Johnston the 29. day. Lanerk a fair the last friday of this moneth. A fair in Stranraer in the Reinds of Galloway, named St. Johns day, the last friday of August.

Exx. September begins on Munday.

Sun riseth 26. min. before 6. sets 26. min. after 6.

First quarter 3. day, 36. minuts after 4. in the morning.

Full moon 10. day, 19. minuts past 2. in the morning.

Second quarter 16. day, 1. minut past 6. at night.

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New Moon 24. day, 39. minutes past 6. in the afternoon.

The first 6. dayes wind and rain, thence to the 12. 13. more temperate, from thence to 22. 23. some showes, from thence to the the end of the moneth fair harbest weather.

Set artichokes, sow seeds for winter herbs, about the full of the Moon, the weather being dry: sow wheat and rye, kill bees, make verjuice, sow parsnips and carrets, and remove trees every new Moon till February.

Raw fruit, though ripe, may sickness bring,

Unripe much eat, a dangerous thing,

S. Giles in Elgin the first day, Moffat the 2. Skirlin the 4. Latter Lady day in Stirling, Dundie, Bamff, Monymusk and Inverury the 8. in Auchtertuicil and Salane the 11. Rude fair in Jedburgh and Innerness the 14. in Forfar a fair the 15. holding 8. days. A fair at Kirkadie, of horse, neat, and sheep, &c. the 20. Matthew Apostle in Linlithgow the 21. Rude fair in Caril, Jedburgh, Dumfermling, Dumfries and Athelston 24. at Leven, Langnewton midway betwixt Jedburgh and Melrose 27. S. Michel in Frendraught, Haddington, Lesly, Air, S. Andrews, Grief, Kirkubright, Galashiels, and at the Kirk of Forrig, and at Ranfrew, of horse, neat and sheep, cut some free for three years, the 29. S. Jerom in Bamff the last day.

Exxj. October begins on Wednesday.

Sun riseth 43. min. after 6 sets 17. min. after 5.

First quarter 2. day, 18. minutes past 6. in the evening.

Full moon 9. day, 28. minutes before midday.

Last quarter 16. day, 23. minut past 8. in the morning.

New moon 24. day, 15. minutes past 3. after noon.

From the first to the 7. fair weather, from thence to the 12. 13. 14. some rain, thence to the 24. 25. hard winds, the end of this moneth dark cloudy weather.

Remove young plants and trees in the new of the Moon, about the full gather such fruit as you left ungathered the last moneth, cut your rose-trees by once in two years, if you intend to have store of roses,

The 1, 2, 3. a fair in Salt Preston, the first Tuesday in Dundee
 a new fair. S. Francis in Abernethy and Vallyfield the 4.
 Ane Yearly sayre At Edgerstoun in Tiviotdeal upon the fyfth day
 Dionysie in Peebles, Earlsflox, Kirkintilloch, Aiton, Auch-
 termuchti, Ceres in Fife, Killimure and Moffat the 9. a fair
 of horse, neat and sheep and other merchand ware at the Glas-
 chen in nether Lorne the second wensday in October Dalkeith
 & Tillibol the 10. at Innerkeithing the 12. day, Fenduc at Dunning
 the 13. in Forgondeny the 15. day, at Mussilburgh & Borrowstonness
 the 16. with two weekly markets the munday and friday. S. Luke in
 Lawder, Kinross. Rugland the 8. day. Townyetam on the border the
 20. of horse, neat, sheep, and a weekly market. S. Irene in Corstorphin
 and at the Kirk of Carlouk the 20. with a weekly market every
 wednesday: and at Linnox in Tweddal, of horse, neat and sheep, and
 other merchandise, with a weekly market every wednesday for all time
 coming. of all sorts of goods and gear, the 20. A fair at new church
 of Kilpatrick, of horse, neat, lint, cloath, &c. free of custome for 7.
 years, 21. Mary Salamin in Stirling and Kelfo the 22. A fair at
 Forfar and in Linlithgow the 24. in Kilreny and Stramiglis the 25.
 Fowls fair in Pasley and Falkirk the 26. Simon and Jude in Dysert,
 Falkirk, Cokani, Kirkliston and Hawick the 28. in Alloway
 the 29. The last thursday of this month a fair in Whithorn holding
 two days.

XX. November begins on Saturday.

☀ Sun riseth 2. min. before 8. sets 2. min. after 4.

First quarter 1. day, 22. minuts past, 6. in the morning.

Full moon 7. day, 54. minuts past 8. at night.

Second quarter 15. day. 4. minut past 2. in the morning.

New moon 23. day, 27. min. past 2. in the morning.

First quarter 30. day 57. min. past 3 in the after noon.

From the first to the 8. 9. very cold winter weather,
 from the 16. 17. rough weather, and 21. 22. frost with
 snow, and the rest of the moneth misty weather.

In the new of the Moon remove young Trees, and in the Old
 of the Moon, set Pease and Beans, sow Parsnips and Carrets, make
 Malt, and salt Martinus Beef.

If Rheumes do now molest thy head,

It is not ill to sweat in bed.

Hallowday

Hallowday in Edinburgh 8. days, in Falkland, Dumblane, For-
 dice the first day : in Alathy the 2. in Kilwinning the 3. at Jedburgh
 the first tuesday. S. Leonard in Lanerk Forres the 6. Bockyvie in
 the Parish of Kippen, of horse, neat, and sheep, and other
 commodities, and a weekly Market every tuesday the 7. S. Martin in
 Dunbar, Melros, Martinskirk, Strabegy, Cowper of Eise, Hamil-
 ton, Culross, Kilmahug the 11. S. Clement in Dundie the 13. S. He-
 lens at Grinock the 15. Margaretnas fair in Dunfermling the 16.
 at Bryak and Peterhead the tuesday thereafter : at Barrowstouness the
 18. S. Macharmuch in Tane and Auchtermul the 22. Burntland
 the 23. Maiden fair the 24. Andermas fair in Stradown, and in
 Fraserburgh the 23. S. Andrew in S. Johnston, Peebles and Chirn-
 side the 30. day.

Lxxj. December begins on Sunday.

Sun riseth 30. min. after 8. sets 30. min. before 4.

Fall moon 7. day, 53. minuts past 8. in the morning.

Second quarter 14. day, 19. minuts past 10. at night.

New moon 22. day, 10. minuts after 10. at night.

First quarter 30. day, 56. min. before 2. in the morning.

This month begins with frost till the 12, 13. from
 the 13. to the 16. snow, from the 16. to the 24. dark
 variable, and all the rest of the moneth frost.

This moneth and the next are best to fell great timber in the
 old of the Moon: uncover the roots of your fruit trees: fallow
 land for barley: look well to your cattle,

Now cold December is come in;

The poor mans back is cloathed thin :

At Ranfrew the 6. S. Nicolas in Aberdene the 7. Beby
 fair, and Lady day in Westwsems the 8. S. Dunstone in Banff,
 at the Kirk of Dier and Rorhemay the 14. S. Cuthbert in the
 Grange, within the Sheriffdom of Linlithgow the 17. S. Tho-
 mas in Glasgowe the 18. and Innerness the 20. S. Johns day in
 Banff and Forres, and Levenmouth the 27. day,

The Dismal or perillous days of the year.

Masters of Astronomy and Physick that these Arts first found, tell the most perillous and dangerous days in the year: in which if any man or woman be let blood or wound or vein, they shall die within 21. days following. Or who so falleth into sickness on any of these days, they shall never escape it till they be dead. And who so taketh any great journey in any of these days to go from home, he shall be in danger to die ere he come again. And who so weddeth a wife in any of these dayes, they shall soon be parted, or else they shall live together with much sorrow. And who so beginneth in any of these dayes any great work, it shall never come to good end: and these are the days following. In January are eight days, that is to say, the 1. and 2. 4. 5. 10. 11. 17. and 19. In February three days, the 8. 10. and 17. In March are 3. days, the 15. 16. and 21. In April are two days, the 15. and 21. In May are three days, the 7. 15. and 20. In June are two days, the 4. and 7. In July are two days, the 15. and 20. In August are two days, the 19. and 20. In September are two days, the 6. and 7. In October is one, the 6. In November are two, the 8. and 19. In December are three, the 6. 7. and 11. and others say, the 15. and 16.

And who so will learn the Canicular or Dog-days, which are days of great danger and peril, may know they begin the 19. day of July, and continue to the 28. day of August: which season is very perillous to take sickness: and it is also perillous to take drinke and medicines, or to let blood: But if it be great need, then it must be before the midst of the day.

Astronomical Observations of Erra Pater, for this present Year 1679.

In the Year that January shall enter on Wednesday, the Winter shall be temperat: but in the end there shall be snow and frosts, the Prime-time shall be rainy, there shall be great abundance of grass, of hay, of corn, of fruits, of wines, and generally of all good things. The Summer shall be little cloudy, by which shall come great sickness: Poor laborers, as handy-crafts & artificers, shall gain merly well that year: there shall be many thieves, by whom the mean people shall be more pillaged and discomfited. Great war, battel and slaughter shall be towards the midst of this year, by the which shall come great good to some men. In the end of the year, shall be divers perillous lences, botches, & sailing evils, especially near the sea.

A n old stale Willbower quite past the
That had nothing about him in request,
Save only that he carried in his purse;
Would have a tender Wench to be his Nurse.
His sight was dim, his teeth were rotted out;
His hands had palsy, and his legs the gout;
Yet he would wench it with a dainty Maid,
Whose beauties price in all the Parish layd;
And had her equal hardly to be seen,
A tender young one much about fifteen.
This gallant to her did a Suiter go,
With much ado, his legs did plague him so:
Yet with his staff a pretty gift he made,
So told her, Cupid had the villain playd
With his poor heart, 'twas wounded for her sake;
And she must needs a healing plaster make.
The Maid beheld him with a loathing eye,
And for his quick dispatch, made a quick reply:
Kind Sir, quoth she, your suit in love with draw.
You shal not thatcht my new house with old straw.

A n idle fellow that could take no pain.
Looking that others should his state maintaine;
Was shary reproved by an honest friend;
Who told him man was made for other end,
Then only eat, and sleep, and play;
To whom the lazy creature thus did say,
Sir, I do nee'r intend to labour much.
Because I see the bad reward of such.
As take most pains. Horses that labour great,
Are call in ditches for the Dogs to eat.

A Freyre that met two Priests upon the way,
And bid salute them with the time of day:
Good morrow Clerks unto you both (quoth he)
Sir, (they reply'd) no Clerks, but Priests are we.
Why (quoth the Freyre) then here I will consent
Unto the title of your own content;
With you deay to carry Scholars marks,
Good morrow to you Priests, that are no Clerks.

*rious, and ere Melancholy surpris us, let
us have a fit of Doctor Merry-man.*

A Countrey fellow had a dream, which did his
mind amaze,
That starting up he wakes his wife, and thus to
her he saies;

Oy, woman, rise, and help your Goose; for even the
best we have

Is presently at point to die, unless her life you save.

On either side of her I see an hungry Fox doth sit,

But gaping upon courtessie, who shal begin first bit.

Husband, quoth she: if this be all, I can your dream
expound;

The perfect meaning of y^e same, I instantly have found.

The Goose betwixt two Foxes plac'd, which in your
sleep you saw,

Is you your self y^e probe a Goose, in going still to Labor.

On either side a Larder sits, & they do feathers pull;

That in the end you will be left a bare and naked Gull.

Wife, in good truth, quoth he, I think, thou art just in
the right:

My purse can witnesse to my grief, they do begin to bite.

I do resolve another course, & much commend thy wit.

I'll leave the Gooses part for them y^e have a mind to it.

And if thou ever find that I to lawing humors fall,

Let me be hang'd at Westminster. Wife, I'll forsake
the Hall.

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